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## In the Specification:

Page 1, above line 1, insert --TITLE--; line 2, insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

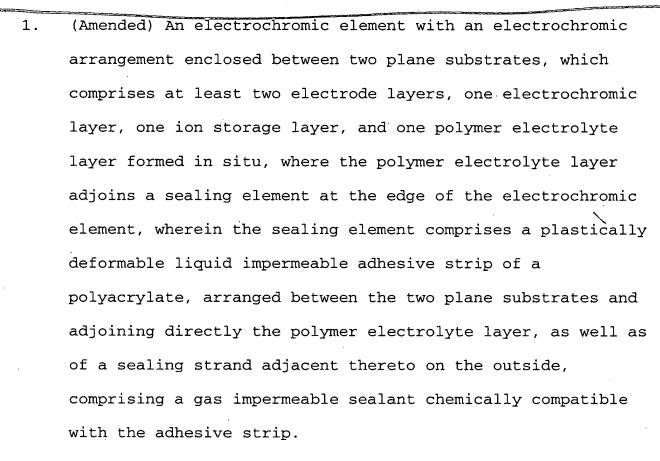
Page 3, line 6, insert -- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 7, line 28, insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 8, line 6, insert -- DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--.

## In the Claims:

Please amend original claims 1-12 as follows:





- (Amended) An electrochromic element according to Claim 1,
  wherein the adhesive strip is formed of a polyacrylate tape.
- 3. (Amended) An electrochromic element according to Claim 1, wherein the adhesive strip possesses a width of at least 5 mm.

- 4. (Amended) An electrochromic element according to Claim 3, wherein the adhesive strip possesses a maximum width of 20 mm.
- 5. (Amended) An electrochromic element according to Claim 1, wherein the adhesive strip comprises a polyacrylate with a maximum water content of 0.3 weight percent, preferably less than 0.05 weight percent.
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- 6. (Amended) An electrochromic element according to Claim 1, wherein the adhesive strip comprises a polyacrylate with a glass transition temperature below 10°C.
- 7. (Amended) An electrochromic element according to claim 1, wherein the sealing strand comprises a polyisobutylene or butyl rubber based butyl sealant.
- 8. (Amended) An electrochromic element according to Claim 7, wherein the sealing strand possesses a specific conductivity of less than  $10^{-9}~\Omega^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ , and a water vapor permeability according to DIN 53122-1.2 of less than 0.5 g·m<sup>-2</sup>·d<sup>-1</sup>.

- 9. (Amended) An electrochromic element according to Claim 1, wherein the sealing strand comprises an epoxy sealant.
- 10. (Amended) An electrochromic element according to Claim 9, wherein the sealing strand possesses a specific conductivity of less than  $10^{-11}~\Omega^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ , and a water vapor permeability according to DIN 53122-1.2 of less than 4.0  $\text{g·m}^{-2}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$ .



- 11. (Amended) An electrochromic element according to Claim 1, wherein the sealing strand is adjoined by at least one further sealant strand, in particular one with polysulfide base.
- 12. (Amended) An electrochromic element according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer electrolyte layer comprises at least one (meth)acrylic ester, at least one plasticizer and at least one polymerization initiator.

## Please add the following new claims:

13. An electrochromic element according to Claim 8, wherein the sealing strand possesses a specific conductivity of less than  $10^{-11}~\Omega^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

